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Harvest Continues Ahead Of Normal

Agricultural Summary

With the exception of scattered thundershowers throughout the state, harvest continues mostly ahead of schedule. For the week ending August 11, major agricultural activities included irrigating, weed and pest control, caring for livestock, harvesting winter wheat, spring wheat, barley, oats, hay, prunes, plums, peaches, dry peas, lentils, and mint.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Reports indicated that livestock on summer range are doing well, with some concern about the availability of water for stock. The majority of the state's range and pasture continues to be reported in fair condition.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2003	2002	Avg.
Spring Wheat Turning Color	95	93	91
Barley Turning Color	96	93	89
Oats Harvested for Grain	17	7	12
Mint Harvest (1st cutting)	77	25	46
Dry Peas Harvested	25	14	39
Lentils Harvested	25	6	12
Peaches Harvested	22	19	19
Plums & Prunes Harvested	15	0	2
Potatoes Vines Dying/Killed	8	3	4

Field Crop Report

The 2nd cutting of alfalfa hay is nearing completion in Southwest and Southcentral areas, while the 3rd cutting is gaining momentum. Ongoing wheat harvest in Eastern areas have been very mixed, with yield and quality reports ranging from below average to excellent. Irrigation water supplies were reported to be limited in Franklin County. Mealybugs in barley fields have caused some serious damage in areas of Teton County. Plum and prune harvest has begun in the Treasure Valley. Potato growers began killing vines of some early varieties this past week.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

County Extension Educators reported topsoil moisture to be 34% very short, 41% short, and 25% adequate. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.80 days suitable for fieldwork during the past week.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	1	32	47	20
Spring Wheat	0	14	23	51	12
Barley	2	11	25	49	13
Potatoes	0	2	10	72	16
Irr. Water Supply	11	23	37	28	1
Range & Pasture	4	23	46	20	7

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			Southcentral			East			State		
	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Harvested	45	15	29	90	82	72	84	63	44	59	35	38	59	34	38
Spring Wheat															
Harvested	19	3	7	82	75	53	23	8	15	14	6	13	18	8	14
Barley															
Harvested	26	1	9	83	71	60	36	20	27	15	7	10	23	11	15
Alfalfa Hay															
2 nd Cutting Harvested .	54	25	42	94	100	99	93	95	96	69	63	69	80	77	81
Alfalfa Hay															
3 rd Cutting Harvested .	NA	NA	NA	72	35	38	14	13	24	3	1	4	24	14	19

Avg (1998-2002); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, August 10, 2003 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40 Base	50 Base To Date	Normal	Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of August	March 1 To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D'Alene	93	52	70	1	2723	1495	1240	0.10	-0.07	0.10	6.72	10.33
Grangeville	93	50	70	2	2532	1378	978	0.00	-0.18	0.12	12.52	12.57
Lewiston	98	56	77	1	3479	2078	1818	0.09	-0.02	0.23	7.05	5.58
Sand Point	96	49	69	3	2542	1373	1010	0.23	0.01	0.23	11.19	11.37
Southwest												
Boise	100	62	79	4	3627	2256	1727	0.00	-0.09	0.01	4.81	4.86
Caldwell	95	52	74	-2	3565	2166	1987	0.00	-0.09	0.00	2.24	4.00
Emmett	96	58	76	2	3544	2186	1743	0.06	-0.01	0.06	5.38	4.69
Mountain Home	100	55	79	4	3537	2230	1708	0.01	-0.07	0.25	4.37	3.96
Parma	94	54	74	1	3632	2222	1664	0.34	0.25	0.34	4.18	4.36
Weiser	95	55	76	2	3718	2288	1693	0.00	-0.06	0.00	4.89	4.07
Southcentral												
Buhl 5/	--	--	--	--	3013	1720	1391	0.00	-0.11	0.00	2.43	4.13
Burley	96	50	73	2	2805	1604	1347	0.00	-0.10	0.43	4.96	4.29
Hill City	92	41	67	0	2188	1180	893	0.00	-0.08	0.12	4.81	4.75
Hagerman 5/	--	--	--	--	3636	2240	1866	0.00	-0.12	0.00	2.13	3.71
Malta	100	52	75	7	2996	1735	1281	0.00	-0.14	0.00	3.46	4.85
Twin Falls	96	52	72	2	2892	1687	1276	0.05	-0.04	1.24	7.15	4.41
East												
Aberdeen 5/	94	42	--	--	2575	1481	1117	0.22	0.10	0.32	2.87	4.43
Grace	95	45	71	5	2555	1486	957	0.03	-0.18	0.03	3.82	7.39
Idaho Falls	96	43	70	1	2516	1394	1180	0.33	0.21	0.40	3.03	5.20
Malad City	101	47	73	3	2783	1600	1263	0.00	-0.18	0.00	2.58	6.93
Pocatello	100	48	75	4	2824	1666	1332	0.00	-0.14	0.24	3.01	5.63
Rexburg	94	48	71	3	2536	1406	1071	0.00	-0.09	0.00	3.66	6.74
Salmon	93	46	69	0	2628	1462	1198	0.18	0.02	0.18	0.60	5.46

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/-- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.

Daily High/Low Four Inch Soil Temperatures

Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average ^{1/}	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Emmett	86	67	90	75	90	78	92	79	92	80	90	78	93	78	90	76
Parma	74	74	74	73	73	73	73	73	72	72	--	--	--	--	73	73
Sandpoint	73	68	78	67	78	67	80	69	81	69	81	68	83	70	79	68
Twin Falls	--	--	80	67	84	67	82	67	83	66	85	68	85	67	83	67

1/ Averages are only for days reports were received. -- Missing or Incomplete Data.